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Mrs Effa Manley
Newark Eagles Baseball Club
71 Crawford St
Newark N J.

Dear Mrs Manley:-

Your letter of the 21st reached me today and while this is my second day out of the hospital you can know that I feel 100% again -- it was a case of a sever attack of bronchitis, bad cold and threat of pneumonia that layed me up for eight days.

First I want to write you about white uniforms -- necessarily the material has to be bleached to make the white color and being good wool absolutely must be cleaned with care and by folks that really know their business -- and white is much more apt to shrink in cleaning than any other color.

This also goes for gray or any other color -- but tho we always place a label in them to be "dry cleaned" because good dry cleaners are supposed to know how to handle good wool -- the very best way to have them cleaned is to wash them. The water must not be over 100 degrees and a good soft soap such as Ivory, Lux or that class used. NO soap with alkili in it. The uniroms should be sort of shaped back in shape by stretching the collars and shoulders and allowed to dry naturally and never should be steam pressed or hot irined while even damp. In other words should be handled the same as you would handle a fine wollen suit or skirt. Too often the cleaners when they are confronted with tobacco juice, rosin, dirt and the like that players do pick up on their uniforms will attempt hot water and strong soap -- then it is just good night and they attempt to blame the cloth.

Now for the white uniforms you have in mind -- if you will take my advice and buy just exactly what I would - if in your place -- knowing the rugged wear that is required -- it would be our ML grade -- which of course we will cut on the full Major League pattern. It is a courser cloth than the Major League such as your gray -- and of course suffers by close comparison when placed side by side. But it takes the gaff -- looks swell from



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a little distance -- and really gives the service -- service that a club such as yours needs and appreciates. Of course I strongly advise the full Major League hose and caps -- they really complete any uniforms -- here is the break down price by peice :-

Shirt	-----	\$ 8.00
Pants	-----	7.00
Hose	-----	3.45
Caps	-----	2.25
Belts	-----	.80

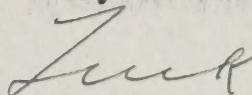
That includes the complete garment including name on front and number on the back -- no extras except if you want some complicated emblem on them.

I am terribly sorry that your jackets got lost in the express -- and do hope that either our factory or Abe has located them by now -

I am enclosing a copy of this letter to Mr W L Robb at Chicago so that if you decide that you want the above white uniforms he will have all the data available and all he will need is sizes or he could use the same sizes as the gray uniforms we made this spring adding the big one for Mackey.

I am heading eastward now and hope to be around your way before the middle of June and you can know that if I am any where near I will drop in for one of those nice visits I have always enjoyed with you. Be sure to give Abe my very best,

Very sincerely



E R Reilly



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